

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Dole in the case of *United States v. Byron C. Dale, et al.*

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, the legal action *United States versus Dale*, currently pending in the U.S. District Court in South Dakota, was brought by the United States to foreclose two mortgages executed by the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture on real estate in Corson County, SD, belonging to the defendants.

The defendants in that action have filed a counterclaim against the United States, naming as codefendants Speaker of the House NEWT GINGRICH, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, and the Senator majority leader. The counterclaim seeks a court order compelling televised congressional hearings regarding Federal farm and monetary policy and the enactment of legislation favored by the defendant.

Lawsuits alleging that citizens have been aggrieved by a Member's failure to act in accordance with the citizens' views have been filed against Members of Congress from time to time. As the Senate has noted previously in response to such lawsuits, every citizen has a constitutionally protected right to petition the Government for the redress of grievances. However, elected officials have the discretion to agree or disagree with communications they receive, and to decide how best to respond to the many points of view which are presented to them. This resolution authorizes the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the majority leader in this action.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—H.R. 1296

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that calendar No. 300, H.R. 1296 be placed back on the calendar.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Executive Calendar nominations 515 and 516.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, vice Jeffrey E. Garten, resigned.

NOMINATION OF STUART EIZENSTAT

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on behalf of the nomination of Stuart Eizenstat to be the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. In Stu Eizenstat, President Clinton has chosen a real winner. Ambassador Eizenstat brings a wealth of experience and talent to the administration's economic policy team. In Ron Brown we have had the most energetic and effective Secretary of Commerce that has ever held office at the Hoover Building. And, with the selection of Stu Eizenstat, we finally will have an Under Secretary of Commerce for trade who will serve as an aggressive advocate for U.S. business overseas, and an individual who will help defend American business against unfair competition.

Ambassador Eizenstat is a native of Georgia and, in this period of March madness, I should also note that he developed quite a reputation as an exception basketball player. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Harvard Law School.

As a young man Stu served in the White House under President Lyndon Johnson. And, from 1977–80 he served as President Carter's domestic policy advisor. Since leaving the White House, he has served as a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and as a guest scholar at the Brookings Institute. He is an expert in trade law and he made a name for himself in private practice in Atlanta and Washington. President Clinton named him to serve in Brussels as the United States Ambassador to the European Union. And, in that role he has championed the cause of U.S. business regarding tariff and nontariff barriers to work toward a level playing field for American business.

Stu Eizenstat is outstanding member of our Jewish American community. Throughout his life he has been very active in the Jewish community in Atlanta. While in Brussels, he also served as Special U.S. Envoy for Property Claims in Central Europe, seeking restitution of Jewish communal and private property confiscated by the Nazis during the Second World War.

Mr. President, the International Trade Administration is the cornerstone in our U.S. trade programs. It is the principal agency responsible for promoting U.S. business and exports overseas. It staffs the U.S. Trade Representative, conducts trade missions,

and provides policy makers with necessary information on industry and trading partners. And, through the Import Administration and the Office of Textiles and Apparel, ITA is responsible for protecting our markets from unfair competition, like dumping. ITA has typically been the Commerce Secretary's right hand; it has been the most important bureau in Commerce, regardless of who holds office, whether Mac Baldrige or Bill Verity or Pete Peterson or Elliot Richardson. I have no doubt that Stuart Eizenstat will make ITA even more effective as he assumes command.

I have no doubt that Ambassador Eizenstat will hit the ground running when he gets over to the Commerce Department. I know his first objective will be to strengthen our trade enforcement activities. He intends to create a new center to monitor foreign countries compliance with trade agreements. Another principal goal of his is to get Asian nations to open their markets to U.S. products. During this recess, I will be reviewing his efforts to build a new American business center in Shanghai, China.

Mr. President, Stu Eizenstat is a man of superb intellect and high integrity. I can tell you that he knows how to get the job done. I know that he will be an effective leader at ITA and Commerce and I urge my colleagues to support his nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 969

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 969, the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act, be star printed to reflect the changes I now send to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, today I am pleased to join my colleagues, Senator NANCY KASSEBAUM and Senator BILL FRIST, in announcing a revised and improved version of S. 969, the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996.

This bill requires insurers to allow mothers and their newborns to remain in the hospital for a minimum of 48 hours after a normal vaginal delivery and 96 hours after a caesarean section. Shorter hospital stays are permitted, provided that the attending health care provider, in consultation with the mother, determines that is the best course of action.

S. 969 has garnered wide support and endorsements. Currently, 34 of our Senate colleagues, 21 Democrats and 13 Republicans are cosponsors. Major medical organizations such as the American Medical Association, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Academy

of Pediatrics have endorsed this legislation.

More than 83,000 Americans from every State in this Nation have communicated their support to my office.

Today, I ask unanimous consent that a summary of the clarifications and changes to S. 969 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

NEWBORNS' AND MOTHERS' HEALTH
PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

The following comments detail the clarifications and technical changes made to S. 969:

1. The original bill did not comment on whether or not an attending health care provider would need to obtain authorization in order to keep a mother and newborn in the hospital for the 48/96 hours that are guaranteed for insurance coverage.

The re-introduced bill states that attending health care providers do not need to obtain authorization in order to keep mothers and newborns in the hospital for this period of time.

2. The original bill stated that a decision for early discharge (eg prior to the 48/96 hours) could be made by either the attending health care provider OR mother.

The re-introduced bill states that a decision for early discharge can be made by the attending health care provider in consultation with the mother.

3. The original bill did not address time parameters with regard to follow-up care.

The re-introduced bill states that follow-up care must be timely and must be provided within 24-27 hours following discharge.

4. The original bill did not specify a full range of health care providers.

The re-introduced bill specifies: physicians (obstetricians-gynecologists, pediatricians, family physicians, other physicians), nurse practitioners, nurses, nurse midwives, and physician assistants (where appropriate).

5. The original bill was ambiguous regarding preemption.

The re-introduced bill states that state laws that provide for a guarantee of insurance coverage for 48/96 hours OR have laws that guarantee care based on guidelines from the American College of Obstetricians—Gynecologist and the American Academy of Pediatrics AND have followed-up care consistent with federal law.

AUTHORITY FOR SUBMISSION OF
STATEMENTS REGARDING THE
DEATH OF EDMUND S. MUSKIE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senators have until April 20, 1996, to submit statements with regard to the death of the late Senator Edmund S. Muskie, and that the statements then be printed as a Senate document.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
REPORT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committees have between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, to file legislative or executive reported legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to Senate Resolution 227, the Whitewater legislation, and send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Senate Resolution 227, regarding the Whitewater extension.

Alfonse D'Amato, Dan Coats, Phil Gramm, Bob Smith, Mike DeWine, Bill Roth, Bill Cohen, Jim Jeffords, R.F. Bennett, John Warner, Larry Pressler, Spencer Abraham, Conrad Burns, Al Simpson, John H. Chafee, Frank H. Murkowski.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now withdraw the motion.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 15,
1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment under the provisions of the adjournment resolution until the hour of 10 a.m. on Monday, April 15; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each, except for the following: Senator HATCH, 20 minutes; Senator DASCHLE or his designee, 90 minutes; Senator COVERDELL, for 90 minutes.

I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following morning business, the Senate begin consideration of the illegal immigration bill reported by the Judiciary Committee during the adjournment of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, following morning business on Monday, April 15, it will be the intention of the majority leader to begin consideration of the immigration reform bill. Amendments are expected to be offered to that bill. Therefore, I hope that any Senator who intends to offer an amendment will be

available on Monday, April 15, to offer and debate their amendments.

Rollcall votes will not occur during Monday's session. However, if any votes are ordered on amendments, those rollcall votes would be ordered to occur during Tuesday's session of the Senate.

Also on Monday, the Senate may be asked to consider any other legislative or executive items that could be cleared for action. Senators should also be reminded that a cloture motion was filed today with respect to the Whitewater Special Committee. Therefore, the cloture vote will occur on Tuesday, April 16, at 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.,
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 157.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:13 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m., Monday, April 15, 1996.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 29, 1996:

THE JUDICIARY

M. MARGARET MCKEOWN, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE U.S. CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, VICE J. JEROME FARRIS, RETIRED.

LAWRENCE BASKIR, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE U.S. COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF 15 YEARS, VICE REGINALD W. GIBSON, RETIRED.

COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VICE HAROLD H. GREENE, RETIRED.

JOAN B. GOTTSCHALL, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS VICE JAMES B. MORAN, RETIRED.

FRANK R. ZAPATA, OF ARIZONA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA VICE RICHARD M. BILBY, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LESLIE M. ALEXANDER, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR.

PRUDENCE BUSHNELL, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RICHARD B. MYERS, 000-00-0000, U.S. AIR FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JOHN P. JUMPER, 000-00-0000, U.S. AIR FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RALPH E. EBERHART, 000-00-0000, U.S. AIR FORCE.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601: